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THE CIA CASE

SIR: I relished every word of your editorial: "What Are We Trying to Do to the CIA?" Why don't other papers follow your sterling example?

Paul Chiera.

Silver Spring.

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SIR: Congratulations for your editorial. I have been shocked at the apologetic reaction of the administration.

H. T. C. Jr.

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SIR: Ever since the CIA involvement with student organizations has been in the news I have wanted to express my opinion on the matter. You have expressed it for me and in a much more direct and concise manner than I ever could.

Margaret A. Wise.

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SIR: Your editorial, "What Are We Trying to Do to the CIA?" made sense to me.

Stephen P. Gerardi.

Bethesda.

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SIR: Your editorial was wonderful. It's about time somebody took stock of the matter and wrote something sensible.

Mrs. Nan C. Moorhead.

Germantown, Md.

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SIR: I hope there are a lot of people still working secretly for the CIA. I feel much safer knowing we have as good an undercover network as have the countries ideologically opposed to us.

Are we so naive as to think we don't need the finest intelligence organization available? If the outraged idealists would halt their witch hunt and think, they would discover that their "right" to slander and destroy has been protected by the very CIA they seek to make powerless.

Billie Benson.

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SIR: Congratulations on your realistic and timely editorial on the CIA-NSA affair. How heart rending it is to hear these pious students so sanctimoniously confessing to the nefarious sin of helping their country.

Michael A. Mullins.

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SIR: When I read your editorial I almost wept with relief. Thank God for The Star.

E. J.

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SIR: What more immoral act can our government commit than the subversion of popular opinion by the CIA? Are we morally bankrupt, so that eminent men can excuse these acts of betrayal? Is our moral sense deadened by the exposure of the other lies by our officialdom? Have the pictures of torture and death, holocaust and ruin, in our immoral war in Vietnam made us callous to savage immorality?

Ralph Russell.

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SIR: Americans must not be naive about this world of ours but live in it to the best of their ability, giving thanks to Richard Helms and his predecessors for their efforts. These men have proven us willing and able to play 'the game of world politics.' Some of our citizens may not like 'the game.' I have a feeling that many are like the ostrich who buries his head in the sand because they are afraid.

Douglas Stimson.

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SIR: What gives some people the right to crucify the CIA? If they want something or someone to crucify, I strongly suggest the enemies of our country. As you stated in your editorial, if this continues, we will destroy the greatest intelligence agency in the free world!

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